(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(c) Aircraft are selected and operated by the operators based on their own commercial judgement.

Reconsideration of Protocol System at Airports

3229. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleaed to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Protocol hampers airport security" as reported in the Statesmen dated 4th March, 2000;

(b) if so, whether a large number of "Protocol" passes which have been issued by Government in Delhi, are hampering security;

(c) if so, whether Government have any proposal to reconsider its protocol system in view of the security threat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bureau of Civil Avtation Security has issued 413 passes for the protocol staff of Ministries/ Government Depatts./Dignitaries to facilitate protocol functions. Pass holders are permitted to go only upto an earmarked area. No instance of security problem as a result of issuance of such passes has come to the notice.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Upgradation of Mysore Airport

3230. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CIIVL AVIATION be pleased to state: